

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
NORTHERN DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR 20-10028

Plaintiff,

FACTUAL BASIS STATEMENT

vs.

DEREK MICHAEL MASON,

Defendant.

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Defendant states that the following facts are true, and the parties agree that they establish a factual basis for the offense to which Defendant is pleading guilty pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(b)(3):

My name is Derek Michael Mason and am a resident of Watertown, South Dakota.

Between May 1, 2017, and May 5, 2020, I knowingly possessed graphic image and video files depicting one or more minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. I used my Apple iPhone 8 with serial number C39WFBZSJCLM to obtain the files from the internet which involved and affected interstate commerce. I knew the files contained child pornography when I downloaded them. I also knew that some of the files depicted prepubescent minors who had not attained 12 years of age.

All of my actions were in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252A(a)(5)(B) and 2252A(b)(2).

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